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1. An application submitted by four Austrian firms (viz, Schoeller-Bleckmann, Wildpretmarkt 2, Vienna I; Boehler & Company, Elisabethstrasse 14, Vienna I; Wagner & Company, Krugerstrasse 1, Vienna; Continentcarbo-Franz Kovacs & Company, an der Huelben, Vienna I) for approval of a compensation transaction with the East German trading company Deutsche Warenvertriebsgesellschaft, Friedrichstrasse 61, Berlin W8, was conditionally approved by the Ministry of Trade on 19 October 1953.
2. The business transaction involves the following Austrian steel products offered to the East Berlin firm in return for 20,000 tons of soft coal briquettes valued at \$280,000:

a. Schoeller-Bleckmann Exports:

Superrefined steel plate @ \$685 per ton	\$22,270
including:	
17,720 kg. unalloyed	
11,314 kg. alloyed with a maximum of 0.35 percent chromium, 0.25 percent vanadium	
2,350 kg. alloyed with 4.25 percent chromium, 2.85 percent vanadium, 2.85 percent tungsten, 2 percent molybdenum.	
Superrefined steel @ \$853 per ton	\$60,430
including:	
60,842 kg. alloyed with 1.5 percent chromium	
10,000 kg. alloyed with 4.25 percent chromium, 2.85 percent vanadium, 2.85 percent tungsten, 2 percent molybdenum	
Total	\$82,700

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b. Boehler & Company Exports:

Machine knives, customs category 405 a, approximately	\$ 7,300
Compression tools for mining, customs categories 388 and 441 approximately	50,000
Superrefined steel plate @ \$944.44 per ton approximately including:	42,000
25 tons alloyed with 14 percent chromium	
20 tons unalloyed	
Superrefined/bar steel @ \$738 per ton approximately including:	97,500
37 tons unalloyed tool steel	
14 tons alloyed with 4.3 percent chromium, 2.4 percent vanadium	
14 tons alloyed with 1.5 percent chromium, 0.1 percent vanadium	
20 tons alloyed with 0.7 percent manganese, 1.1 percent chromium	
16 tons alloyed with 1.2 percent manganese, 1. percent chromium	
20 tons Edelstahl auf Eisen, Stahlaufilage (sic) alloyed with 0.2 percent vanadium	
5 tons superrefined steel sheets alloyed with 1.2 percent manganese, 1 percent chromium.	

Total	<u>\$197,300</u>
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3. The compensation import of soft coal is intended for Wagner & Company and Continentcarbo. Steel deliveries are to be completed in four to six months, coal deliveries at the discretion of the Ministry of Trade.

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